

In the Abstract:

Please **delete** the two paragraphs at **page 13, lines 2 to 16.**

Please **add** a new paragraph at **page 13, line 17** as follows:

A circuit arrangement is for operating at least one light-emitting diode LED in an electrical circuit at a service voltage greater than the forward voltage of the at least one light-emitting diode. The light-emitting diode is PWM-controlled. The circuit includes reactances that are connected in series at both connections of the light-emitting diode, an additional switching arrangement between the terminals, and a full-wave rectifier circuit, such that the circuit is protected against short-circuits on the service voltage and on ground while the LED can continue to be triggered.

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